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COOPERATIVES INCREASE IN YUGOSLAVIA

MIDDLE CLASS FARMERS JOINING COOPERATIVES -- Borba, No 40, 16 Feb 49

Until 1948, most of the new members in farm workers' cooperatives were poor farmers. In 1949, however, the majority are middle-class farmers. The class struggle in rural districts, including various economic measures taken by the Party and the government for the economic restriction and political isolation of wealthy farmers and speculators, is turning farmers toward the cooperatives.

Belgrade Srez, for example, a typical srez of middle-class and wealthy farmers which did not have a single farm workers' cooperative in 1948, now has four, in which more than 30 families are enrolled. Fifteen to 20 percent of the middle-class farmers are enrolled in these cooperatives.

In the village of Ripanj, where there is no cooperative at present, a campaign is in progress to establish one. Over 20 percent of the middle-class farmers have already signed up to join. This is one of the wealthiest villages in the area.

COOPERATIVE FARMS INCREASING -- Borba, No 40, 16 Feb 49

In December 1948 there were 1,318 farm workers' cooperatives in Yugoslavia. During the last few months, new members have joined at a rate of about 240 per day, and at present there are about 1,560 farm workers' cooperatives. Over 60 were formed in the Vojvodina in January, with a membership of over 5,000 families at present. There were 168 farm workers' cooperatives in Serbia by 1 January and nine more by 1 February. Thirty-six were formed there in October, 49 in November, 49 in December, and 39 in January.

In Macedonia, the entire population of 31 villages are cooperative members. Twenty-two new farm workers' cooperatives were formed in Macedonia during January and the first half of February. Only two srez in this republic are still without cooperatives.

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In Croatia, 63 new cooperatives have been formed since 1 January. The total has increased from four in 1945 to 320 at present, with a membership of about 8,000 families.

FARM WORKERS' COOPERATIVES IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 39, 15 Feb 49

While there were only 55 farm workers' cooperatives, with a membership of 2,179 families and 10,198 hectares of land, in Macedonia by the end of 1947, at the end of 1948 there were 237 farm workers' cooperatives, of which 228 were in rural and nine in urban districts, or 249 percent more than a year before. The number of families belonging to cooperatives rose to 8,633 in 1948, or 39 percent more than in 1947, and they had 47,177 additional hectares of land at their disposal. A large number of middle-class farmers were absorbed into cooperatives in 1948, whereas most recruits in 1947 were poor farmers.

COOPERATIVES IN SLOVENIA -- Borba, No 41, 17 Feb 49

Jose Levstik, Slovenian Minister of Agriculture, announced to the Slovenian Skupstina that over 2,300 farm workers' cooperatives have been founded in Slovenia, that 243 cooperative headquarters have been built and that 286 more are under construction. Within the last few months, 286 cooperative farms with 16,000 hectares of land, 87 artisan workshops, 40 crop stations, and 32 machinery stations have been formed.

RURAL COOPERATIVES -- Narodni List, No 1113, 7 Jan 49 .

There are now 26 farm workers' cooperatives in Istria, with a membership of 470 peasant families and 4,870 hectares of land.

NATIONALIZATION OF COMMERCIAL NET -- Glas Istre, No 561, 4 Feb 49

At the beginning of 1948 there were 11 state enterprises, 54 cooperative and 52 private in Pala Srez. At the end of the year there were 116 state enterprises altogether, as a result of nationalization.

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